

The Call of Serving God (Ez 1-3)

On a small town one night the local Church caught on fire. Many of the townspeople came out to help put out the fire. As the pastor was in the crowd the local atheist was spotted watching the church burn down. Pastor said sharply "You picked a fine time to finally come to church tonight. You never had any intent in coming to church before tonight." The atheist said, "Well I've never seen the church on fire before." It's a shame the church is not always Begun by Eze Chebar river capital.

- He was 30 and set to be a priest by lineage. Priests start at 30 but He was in Syria. on the Temple. He was in exile 900 miles away in a refugee camp. His life seemed wasted. Then three things happened to him and from that moment he became one of the most effective men of God ever plowled on earth.

One an abdication in obedience, service and love for God. E.C. can be set ablaze

by following the example of Eze
I. God Puts us on Our Face: On the priests description Eze falls over him self to describe
God commands it and has been on h

Part 2: Life of this Magister

A. To Humble Us. - Ezekiel was probably
scrupulous to him self, cl was trained
to be a priest, cl spent years,
to be a priest. This just isn't
fair! cl'm suppose to have a position,
cl'm suppose to be there at the Temple!

I remember hearing a little children's
song called "Eye Sickness" Thats
what Eze has until he runs in
to a vision of God. Nothing like a
glimpse of him to put your nose in
the dirt and say what will you have ^{ask Paul} made

B. To Hone Us. - Hone means to
sharpen or to bring into focus.

God is redirecting Ezekiel's focus
off of his broken Plans, off of his
vanishing position, and on to his
triumphant preeminent God. Ezekiel
you've been looking and focusing on
the wrong things. God will often break
us, put our faces on the ground to
put our attention on Him. He will do
this by circumstances that force us to
look to him.

He, God Place Us on Your Feet.

God didn't leave Eze face down in the
dirt forever. No he told him to Get
up, cl'nt something cl want to say to

you. With my children I get there all before I talk

A. By his spirit. He told him to get up. But then in Vs 2. God sends his spirit to lift Eze to his feet. He

didn't even have the ability to get up and do what God commanded w/o the spirit of God. The comforter is the one that lifts us up, turns our hearts to hear what God has to say. Eph 5:17 Be filled w/ controlled by the spirit. You can be prepared for service w/o the empowering, leading, the confirming the confirming of the Holy Ghost

B. Or I as scripture - He raise him up because he wanted to speak w him God speaks to us today just like he did then through the scriptures. V59-ch 3:1-3. It is a strong visual image but it is seen several times in scripture. Eat them, devour them as a meal (Ps 19) Jer 14; Rev 10. Jesus in His temptation said Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that . In europe meals are long drawn out affairs that take hours. God nowhere we eat fast food going 60 on wheels. Do we do something it can

~~I. God Putting Us in the Field-~~

The end result of the exposure of his majesty and relaying of his message is to do in his servant do the field of labor

Jesus said the fields are white unto harvest

A. It is a Divine Command - vs 3a

He has raised and prepared Es 2e for
this task and has now pointed to the field.

Jn 20:21 "As the Father has sent Me
so send I you. But we say "Lord I have
other plans" Its a command from God.
Lord I don't want to go there! I would
have been commanded by God. Lord I'll be
rejected. "I send thee" Lord its going
to be so difficult!" I send thee Jr
14:11 He that hath my commandments and
keepeth them, he it is that loveth me!

B. It is Dispute Conflict - God
commanded Him to Go despite the
Conflict that lied ahead. God is showing
him among a rebellious people that will
not hear that will abuse the servant of
God, that will mock and despise the truth
they hear. Why Go then? Why put this
servant through the conflict vs 5 a
prophet has been among them. There will be
w/o excuse in the day of Judgment.

IV Glory When we see his majesty
clearer his message respond to his mission
we become the tools of God on this earth
for him to work all things out for his ^{Glorifying} _{on God}